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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Kamal Jain et al.
Serial No.:	10/680,549
Confirmation No.:	5005
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For:	MODEL AND METHOD FOR COMPUTING PERFORMANCE BOUNDS IN MULTI-HOP WIRELESS NETWORKS
Examiner:	A. O. Ajibade
Art Unit:	2617

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

Applicants wish to discuss the rejection of the pending claims over Chow. In the Response After Final Action dated April 26, 2007, Applicants argued that Chow does not teach or suggest the limitations of claim 1 that recite "assigning to the edge a weight equal to a fraction of a maximum permissible noise at a link corresponding to the second vertex contributed by activity on the link corresponding to the first vertex" and "assigning to the edge a direction."

In the Advisory Action mailed June 6, 2007, the Examiner questioned whether the limitation that recites "assigning to the edge a weight equal to a fraction of a maximum permissible noise at a link corresponding to the second vertex contributed by activity on the link corresponding to the first vertex" can be construed so broadly as to read on Table 2 of Chow, which discloses assigning a value of "1" or "0" depending on whether two links interfere with each other. The Examiner's basis for this broad interpretation appears to be the previously pending but now canceled claim 3, which recited "assigning to the edge a weight of zero (0) if the links are not in conflict with each other; and assigning to the edge a weight of one (1) if the links are in conflict with each other." Applicants would like to discuss the Examiner's view as to whether this interpretation of the claim language is proper.

Applicants would also like to discuss the Examiner's view as to whether Chow discloses the limitation of claim 1 that recites "assigning to the edge a direction."

If the Examiner has any questions in advance of the telephone conference, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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